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February 18, 2009 MCA-MDT Technical Committee Meeting Minutes

Kevin Christensen opened the meeting with introductions. An attendance sheet was passed for signature. Members at remote sites were signed in by MDT.

NEW BUSINESS

1. New Specification Revisions. MDT announced it is proposing to convert about 20 standard special provisions into supplemental specifications in the next couple of months. These provisions were initiated as special provisions because they were being routinely evaluated and refined. They are now static, and are ready to be incorporated into supplemental specifications. This will allow them to be incorporated into the next version of the Standard Specifications, scheduled for January 2010.

2. Glass Beads. MDT will require glass beads to be on the Department's QPL. MCA had no comments.

3. Stimulus Bill. MDT stated that stimulus funding is not final but is estimated at \$212 million. Stimulus projects could possibly be let as early as April. After the Transportation Commission approves a list of proposed stimulus projects, a list will be developed and posted on the internet.

MDT stated that there may be additional record keeping for stimulus funded projects. Additionally, MDT stated that there is the possibility of overflow moneys if other states cannot spend their portion of stimulus dollars. MCA questioned if there would be any increases to contract time given the stimulus project workload. MDT stated that there may be some flexibility with the regular program but the goal of the stimulus is to move projects quickly.

MDT requested that Contractors submit their mix designs as soon as possible since the lab will be very busy with the increased work load.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Public Works Contracts – Subsection 102.17. MDT Legal stated that this provision applies to the contract between MDT and the Prime. It does not affect the prime's or subcontractor's contract with other contractors or suppliers. (This item will be removed from next month's agenda.)

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2. Subsection 108.10.2 Payment. MCA questioned the language in proposed Supplemental Specification 108.10.2 and is concerned that payment will not be made to produce quality stockpiled materials that are technically not in specification. MDT made changes to the final version to address MCA's concerns. (This item will be removed from next month's agenda.)

3. Fuel Price Adjustment. MDT announced that a standard special provision will be added in March contracts requiring the contractor to opt in at the Notice to Proceed. A list of items will be required at the Preconstruction conference. A future supplemental specification will include a table with the number of items allowed based on the contract amount.

4. Submission of Bid Documentation. MCA talked about their bill currently proposed to the legislature, and indicated that there is some question as to the need. MCA asked if MDT could label the bid documents as trade secrets to keep them private, even after opening. MDT will look into that possibility.

5. 104.02.1 Differing Site Conditions and 104.02.3 Significant Changes. Proposed revisions will be out for comment in April.

6. Maintenance Funding. MDT stated that maintenance will contract the funding transferred from construction and reminded MCA to watch for contracts to be let through purchasing services. Projects can be accessed at <http://gsd.mt.gov/osbs/Results.asp?AgencyID=TRANS1>

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday March 19, 2009, at 10:00 AM in the Commission Room at MDT Headquarters.